

**LOG OF TELEPHONE CALL**

**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER MARY SHEILA GALL**

**SUBJECT:** Crib slats

**DATE OF TELEPHONE CALL:** 3 December 1996

**PLACE:** CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda, Maryland--Child Craft, Salem, Indiana

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Dennis B. Wilson

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**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Dennis Wilson, Special Assistant (Legal) to Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** William Suvak, Chairman, Crib Section of ASTM Subcommittee F15.18 and V.P. Engineering/Operations, Child Craft

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:** Messrs. Suvak and Wilson discussed the activities of the ASTM Subcommittee that responded to CPSC staff requests to change the voluntary standard for crib slat disengagement. Mr. Suvak said that he believed that the Subcommittee had been responsive to CPSC staff requests to evaluate proposed changes to the standard. He continues to believe that most of the problem with crib slat disengagement lies in the failure of manufacturers to control the manufacturing process adequately. He pointed out that a voluntary standard that is too rigorous may drive up costs for conscientious manufacturers and encourage lower-quality manufacturers and importers who choose not to comply with the voluntary standard.